

placed with the individual by an authorized placement agency for legal adoption pursuant to a formal application filed by the individual with the agency. For purposes of this subparagraph an authorized placement agency is any agency which is authorized by a State, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, a foreign country, or a political subdivision of any of the foregoing to place children for adoption. A taxpayer who claims as a dependent a child placed with him for adoption shall attach to his income tax return a statement setting forth the name of the child for whom the dependency deduction is claimed, the name and address of the authorized placement agency, and the date the formal application was filed with the agency.

(3) The application of this paragraph may be illustrated by the following example:

Example. On March 1, 1959, D, a resident of the United States, made formal application to an authorized child placement agency for the placement of E, a resident of the United States, with him for legal adoption. On June 1, 1959, E was placed with D for legal adoption. During the year 1959 E received over one-half of his support from D. D may claim E as a dependent for 1959. Since E was a resident of the United States, his qualification as a dependent is in no way based on the provisions of section 152(b)(3)(B). Therefore, it is immaterial that E was not a member of D's household during the entire taxable year.

(4) For purposes of determining the existence of any of the relationships specified in section 152 (a) or (b)(1), a foster child of an individual (if such foster child satisfies the requirements set forth in paragraph (b) of §1.152-1 with respect to such individual) shall, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1969, be treated as a child of such individual by blood. For purposes of this subparagraph, a foster child is a child who is in the care of a person or persons (other than the parents or adopted parents of the child) who care for the child as their own child. Status as a foster child is not dependent upon or affected by the circumstances under which the child became a member of the household.

(d) In the case of a joint return it is not necessary that the prescribed relationship exist between the person claimed as a dependent and the spouse who furnishes the support; it is suffi-

cient if the prescribed relationship exists with respect to either spouse. Thus, a husband and wife making a joint return may claim as a dependent a daughter of the wife's brother (wife's niece) even though the husband is the one who furnishes the chief support. The relationship of affinity once existing will not terminate by divorce or the death of a spouse. For example, a widower may continue to claim his deceased wife's father (his father-in-law) as a dependent provided he meets the other requirements of section 151.

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§ 1.152-3 Multiple support agreements.

(a) Section 152(c) provides that a taxpayer shall be treated as having contributed over half of the support of an individual for the calendar year (in cases where two or more taxpayers contributed to the support of such individual) if—

(1) No one person contributed over half of the individual's support,

(2) Each member of the group which collectively contributed more than half of the support of the individual would have been entitled to claim the individual as a dependent but for the fact that he did not contribute more than one-half of such support.

(3) The member of the group claiming the individual as a dependent contributed more than 10 percent of the individual's support, and

(4) Each other person in the group who contributed more than 10 percent of such support files a written declaration that he will not claim the individual as a dependent for any taxable year beginning in such calendar year.

(b) Application of the rule contained in paragraph (a) of this section may be illustrated by the following examples:

Example (1). Brothers A, B, C, and D contributed the entire support of their mother in 1956 in the following percentages: A, 30 percent; B, 20 percent; C, 29 percent; and D, 21 percent. Any one of the brothers, except for the fact that he did not contribute more than half of her support, would have been entitled to claim his mother as a dependent. Consequently, any one of the brothers could claim a deduction for the exemption of the mother provided a written declaration (as

provided in paragraph (c) of this section) from each of the other brothers is attached to his income tax return. Even though A and D together contributed more than one-half the support of the mother, A, if he wished to claim his mother as a dependent, would be required to attach written declarations from B, C, and D to his income tax return, since each of those three contributed more than 10 percent of the support and, but for the support requirement, would have been entitled to claim his mother as a dependent.

Example (2). E, an individual who resides with his son, received \$1,500 during the calendar year 1956, which constituted his entire support for that year. The source of the \$1,500 was as follows:

| Source | Amount received | Percentage of total |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Social Security | \$375 | 25 |
| N, an unrelated neighbor | 165 | 11 |
| B, a brother | 210 | 14 |
| D, a daughter | 150 | 10 |
| S, a son | 600 | 40 |
| Total received by E | 1,500 | 100 |

B, D, and S are persons each of whom, but for the fact that he did not contribute more than half of the \$1,500, could claim E as a dependent for a taxable year beginning in 1956. The three together contributed \$960, or 64 percent of the \$1,500, and, thus, each is a member of the group to be considered for the purpose of section 152(c). B and S are the only members of such group who can meet all the requirements of section 152(c) and either one could claim E as a dependent for his taxable year beginning in 1956 provided he attached to his income tax return a written declaration (as provided in paragraph (c) of this section) signed by the other, and furnished the other information required by the return with respect to all the contributions to E. Inasmuch as D did not contribute more than 10 percent of E's support, she is not entitled to claim E as a dependent for a taxable year beginning in 1956 nor is she required to file a written declaration with respect to her contributions to E. N contributed over 10 percent of the support of E in 1956 but, since he is an unrelated neighbor, he does not qualify as a member of the group for the purpose of the multiple support agreement under section 152(c).

(c) The member of a group of contributors who claim an individual as a dependent under the multiple support agreement provisions of section 152(c) must attach to his income tax return for the year of the deduction a written declaration from each of the other persons who contributed more than 10 percent of the support of such individual

and who, but for the failure to contribute more than half of the support of the individual, would have been entitled to claim the individual as a dependent. The written declaration required by this paragraph may be made on Form 2120. Any declaration made other than on Form 2120 shall conform to the substance of Form 2120. The taxpayer claiming the individual as a dependent should be prepared to furnish other information, when required, which will substantiate his right to claim such individual as a dependent. Such information may include a statement showing the names of all contributors (whether or not members of the group described in section 152(c)) and the amount contributed by each to the support of the claimed dependent.

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§ 1.152-4 Support test in case of child of divorced or separated parents.

(a) *Applicability.* For taxable years beginning after December 31, 1966, the provisions of section 152(e) and this section relate to a determination of which of separated parents (that is, parents who are divorced or legally separated under a decree of divorce or separate maintenance, or separated under a written separation agreement) is to be treated for purposes of section 152(a) and § 1.152-1 as having provided more than half of the support of a child, as defined in section 151(e)(3) and § 1.151-3(a). For section 152(e) and this section to apply either parent or both parents combined must provide more than one-half of the child's total support, within the meaning of § 1.152-1(a)(2)(i) during the calendar year in which the taxable year of the parent who is claiming the child as a dependent begins; and such child must be in the custody of one or both of his parents for more than one-half of the calendar year. Thus, section 152(e) and this section do not apply if a person other than the parents provides one-half or more for the support of such child during the calendar year or has custody of the child for one-half or more of the calendar year. In addition, section 152(e) and this section do not apply in any case where over half of